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By: 

Date: December 8, 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 09/685,361 Confirmation No.: 4001  
Inventor : Andreas Rusch, et al.  
Filed : October 10, 2000  
Title : Semiconductor Memory Device and Method for Fabricating It  
TC/A.U. : 2812  
Examiner : Lynne Gurley  
Customer No.: 24131

**Attention: Office of Petitions**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.137(a)

Sir:

The facts leading to this petition are as follows:

Counsel had received a *Notice of Abandonment*, dated July 11, 2003, in the above-identified application, which stated therein that applicants failed to timely file new formal drawings as required in the *Notice of Allowability*, dated August 21, 2002. Responsive to the *Notice of Abandonment*, counsel submitted a *Request for Rescission of Abandonment*, dated July 23, 2003, in which counsel disputed the basis of the abandonment and requested a rescission thereof (copy enclosed). We herewith enclose a copy of the corresponding postcard receipt, which contains the Patent & Trademark Office stamp, dated July 28, 2003.

In light of the fact that we did not receive a response to our submission, we filed status letters, dated August 11, 2005 and October 4, 2005, to no avail.

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of December 4, 2006 with a representative of the Office of Patent Publications, counsel was advised that the instant application was deemed abandoned due to a failure to respond to the *Notice Regarding Drawings*, dated March 26, 2003. The undersigned was unaware of this notice and the corresponding deadline, and therefore requested to receive a copy of the document (copy enclosed).

Enclosed herewith, in accordance with Rule 137(a) is:

- a copy of counsel's docket book of May 26, 2003, the date on which the response would have been due, had the *Notice Regarding Drawings* indeed been received
- a copy of the file jacket of this application in which the receipt of the *Notice Regarding Drawings* and the due date for response would normally have been entered
- a declaration by counsel's staff supervisor corroborating the averment that the *Notice Regarding Drawings* was never received
- a response to the *Notice Regarding Drawings* dated March 23, 2006.

Applicants state that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of this grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137 was unavoidable.

Applicants request that the application be reinstated under 37 CFR § 1.137(a). The petition fee in the amount of \$500.00 in accordance with Section 1.17(I) is enclosed herewith. Please charge any other fees, which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stermer LLP, No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurence A. Greenberg (29,308)

Date: December 8, 2006

Lerner Greenberg Stermer LLP

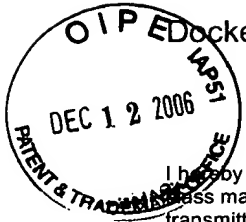
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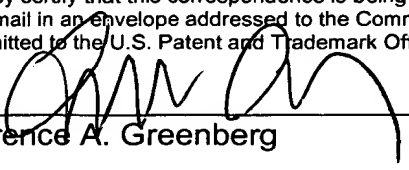
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December 8, 2006

Date

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Inventor : **Andreas Rusch, et al.**  
Filing Date : **October 10, 2000**  
Title : **Semiconductor Memory Device and Method for Fabricating It**  
TC/AU : **2812**  
Examiner : **Lynne Gurley**  
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RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS / PTO-948

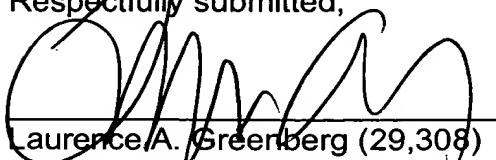
Sir:

Response to the *Notice Regarding Drawings* dated March 26, 2003.

We herewith submit one (1) replacement sheet of formal drawings, including Figs. 1 and 2.

We respectfully request that these drawings be entered into the record in order to replace the drawings submitted in our Amendment dated July 29, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Laurence A. Greenberg (29,308)

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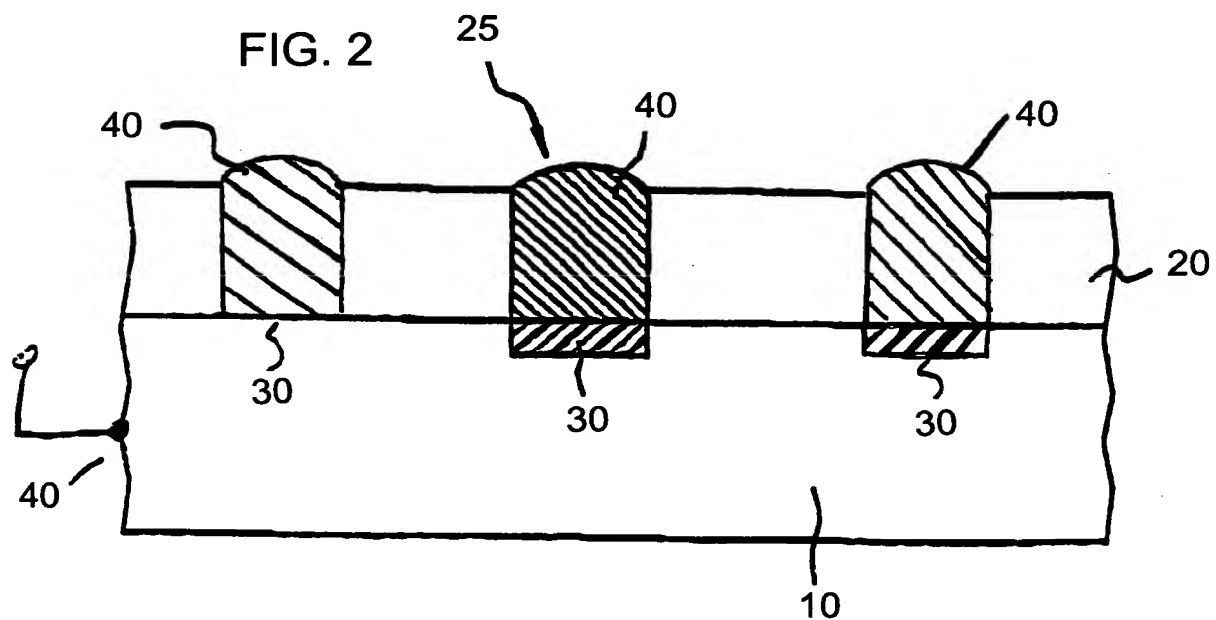
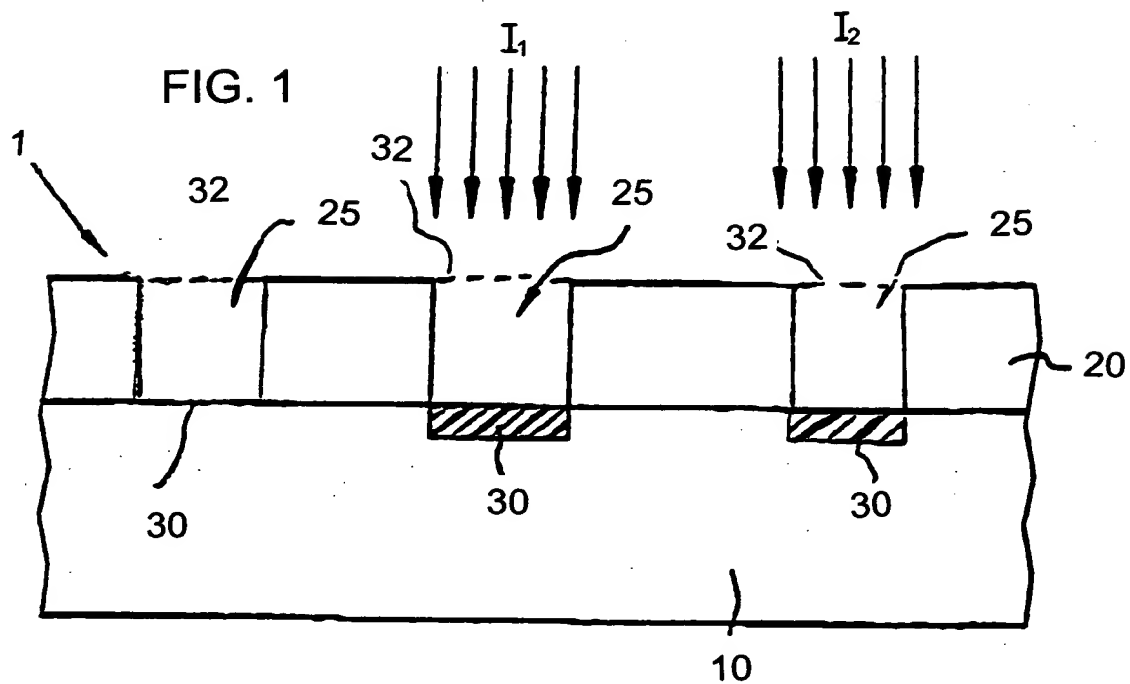
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**Declaration**


I, Birgit Bartell, hereby state that:

- I am the Staff Supervisor at Lerner Greenberg Stermer LLP and I am in charge of receiving and supervising docketing operations such as Patent Office mail, logging same in counsel's docketing system, and keeping all related file and mail logs;
- had a *Notice Regarding Drawings*, dated March 26, 2003 been received in the above-identified application, it would have been entered in the docket book for May 26, 2003 and on the file jacket;
- a thorough review of counsel's office records reveals that neither the docket book nor the file jacket contain a corresponding entry which allows me to state with certainty that no *Notice Regarding Drawings*, dated March 26, 2003, was received in the above-identified application.

I have personally reviewed the file jacket, the pertinent pages of the docket book and the computer records pertaining to the above-identified application. There is no entry to be found which would indicate that a *Notice Regarding Drawings* was ever received on or after March 26, 2003. A corresponding entry would appear in the docket book for May 26, 2003 and on the file jacket. Lerner Greenberg Stermer LLP has very stringent procedures, which assure that such entries are diligently and responsibly made and the firm's entire docket system is carefully crafted with checks and balances to assure that omissions of this type cannot occur.

I have concluded from my review that no *Notice Regarding Drawings* was received from the USPTO with a mail date of March 26, 2003.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



Birgit Bartell

Date: December 8, 2006



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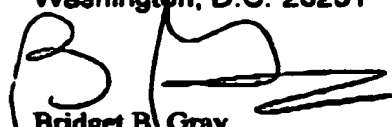
Notice Regarding Drawings

Corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on 7/29/02 are still not acceptable for the reason(s) identified on the attached PTO-948. Applicant is given one opportunity to correct the informalities within a two month time period from the mailing date of this Notice. **THIS TIME PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR 1.136(b).** Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in abandonment of the application.

ATTACHMENT: PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review

RETURN CORRECTED DRAWINGS TO:

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## REGISTRATION

Form PTO 946 (Rev. 03/04)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - Patent and Trademark Office

Application No. 685 361NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S  
PATENT DRAWING REVIEWThe drawing(s) filed (insert date) 7-29-12:A. ☐ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.B. ☒ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings when necessary. Corrected drawings must be credited according to the instructions on the back of this notice.

<p><b>1. DRAWINGS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Draft ink. Color. Other drawings are not acceptable and no portion is grouped. Fig(s) _____ Pencil and non-etch ink are prohibited. Fig(s) _____ <b>2. PHOTOGRAPHS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(b): Photographs may not be accepted. Fig(s) _____ Poor quality (soft-focus). Fig(s) _____ <b>3. TYPE OF PAPER.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(c): Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s) _____ Erasures, shavings, overwritings, hand markings, stubs, copy machine marks not acceptable. Fig(s) _____ Mylar, vision paper is not acceptable (use thin). Fig(s) _____ <b>4. SIZE OF PAPER.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(d): Acceptable sizes: 31.0 cm by 24.7 cm (DIN size A4) 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (B 1/2 x 11 inches) All drawings show not the same size. Shape(s) _____ Drawings drawn not to acceptable size. Fig(s) _____ <b>5. MARGINS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(e): Acceptable margins: Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm SIZE: A4 Size Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm SIZE: 8 1/2 x 11 Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) _____ Top (T) _____ Left (L) _____ Right (R) _____ Bottom (B) _____ <b>6. VIEWS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(f): REMARKS: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes. Partial views. 37 CFR 1.84(g)(2) Sections needed to show figure as one entity. Fig(s) _____ Views not placed separately or properly. Fig(s) _____ Enlarged view not placed separately or properly. Fig(s) _____ <b>7. SECTIONAL VIEWS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3): Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object. Fig(s) _____ Sectional designations should be noted with Arabic or Roman numerals. Fig(s) _____</p>	<p><b>8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(i): Views do not appear on a juxtaposed left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____ <b>9. SCALE.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(j): Scale not large enough to show construction without crowding where drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds its reproduction. Fig(s) _____ <b>10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, &amp; LETTERS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(k): Lines, numbers &amp; letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clear, double, and black (near line quality). Fig(s) _____ <b>11. SHADING.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(l): Solid black areas not. Fig(s) _____ Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____ Shade lines, dots, rough and irregular. Fig(s) _____ <b>12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, &amp; REFERENCE CHARACTERS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(m): Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) _____ Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) _____ Numbers and reference characters do not read in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(n)(1) Fig(s) _____ Figures appear too small. 37 CFR 1.84(n)(2) Fig(s) _____ Numbers, letters and reference characters need be at least 3/32" (1/16 inch) high. 37 CFR 1.84(n)(3) Fig(s) _____ <b>13. LEAD LINES.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(o): Lead lines cross each other. Fig(s) _____ Lead lines missing. Fig(s) _____ <b>14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(p): Sheets are numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) _____ <b>15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(q): Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____ <b>16. CORRECTIONS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(r): Corrections can made from prior PTO-946 drawings. <b>17. DESIGN DRAWINGS.</b> 37 CFR 1.152: Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____ Solid black shading not used for color contrast. Fig(s) _____</p>
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**COMMENTS**  
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**REMINDER**

Drawing changes may also require changes in the specification, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig. 1B, Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawing, must likewise be changed. Please make such changes by 37 CFR 1.312 Amendment at the time of submitting drawings.

**INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES****1. Correction of Drawings - 37 CFR 1.215**

File new drawings with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. The drawing should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Drawing Review Branch.

**2. Timing for Corrections**

Applicant is required to submit acceptable corrected drawings within the three-month shortened statutory period set in the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).

Failure to take corrective action within set period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the Application.

**3. Corrections other than Defects Noted by the Drawing Review Branch on the Form PTO-948**

All changes to the drawings, other than defects noted by the Drawing Review Branch, **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted other than correction of defects, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

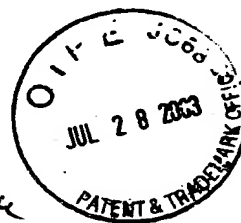
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The stamp of the Patent Office hereon may be considered the date on which papers indicated below were received.

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Filed : October 10, 2000  
Title : Semiconductor Memory Device and Method for Fabricating It  
Examiner : Lynne Gurley Art Unit: 2812

REQUEST FOR RESCISSION OF ABANDONMENT

Hon. Commissioner Patents,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Counsel has received a *Notice of Abandonment* dated July 11, 2003, in the above-identified application. A copy of the *Notice of Abandonment* is enclosed herewith. It is stated therein that applicants failed to file formal drawings as required in the *Notice of Allowability* dated August 21, 2002.

Applicants herewith submit a copy of the *Notice of Allowance* including the *Notice of Allowability*. Item 2 of the *Notice of Allowability* reads: "The drawings filed on 10/10/00; 7/29/02 are accepted by the Examiner". Furthermore, **no box** under item 8 "Corrected Drawings" has been checked outlining a requirement for new formal drawings.

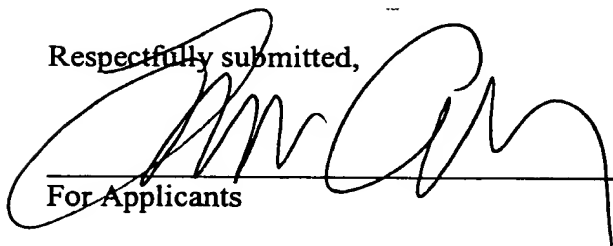
Applicants also point to item 1 of the *Notice of Allowability* which reads as follows: "This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 7/29/02". A *Request to Approve Drawing Changes* was simultaneously submitted with that amendment including an informal drawing of Figs. 1 and 2 and a formal drawing thereof. As stated above, these drawings were

accepted by the Examiner. Therefore, there are no outstanding requirements to be met by applicants in this application.

In view of the foregoing, applicants request that the *Notice of Abandonment* be rescinded and that the application be restored to pending status. The issue fee was timely paid on November 21, 2002. Applicants await the receipt of the issued patent.

Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Laurence A. Greenberg, is written over a horizontal line.

LAURENCE A. GREENBERG  
REG. NO. 29,308

For Applicants

Date: July 23, 2003

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EXAMINER

GURLEY, LYNNE ANN

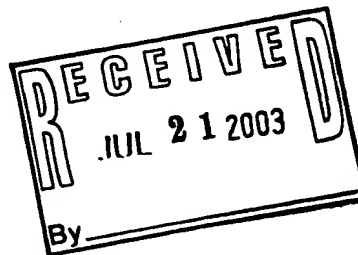
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### NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A response (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_, which is after the expiration of the period for response (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A proposed response was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection.
- (A proper response to a final rejection consists only of: a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; a Notice of Appeal; or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 (FWC).
- ☐ No response has been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.
- ☐ The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The submitted issue fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The issue fee has not been received.
- ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) were received on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The proposed new formal drawings filed \_\_\_\_\_ are not acceptable.
- ☒ No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
- ☐ The express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.62(g) in favor of the FWC application filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a) upon the filing of a continuing application.
- ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- ☐ The reason(s) below:

ABANDONMENT  
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## NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

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GURLEY, LYNNE ANN

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/685,361	10/10/2000	Andreas Rusch	GR 98 P 1507	4001

TITLE OF INVENTION: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING IT

RECEIVED AUG 27 2002

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1280 1310	\$0	\$1280 1310	11/21/2002

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

## HOW TO REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

## I. Review the SMALL ENTITY status shown above.

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:

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If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

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B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check the box below and enclose the PUBLICATION FEE and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.

☐ Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

II. PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL should be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). Even if the fee(s) have already been paid, Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and returned. If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted.

III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Box ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Utility patents issuing on applications filed on or after Dec. 12, 1980 may require payment of maintenance fees. It is patentee's responsibility to ensure timely payment of maintenance fees when due.



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**Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)**  
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Examiner

Lynne Gurley

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 7/29/02.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10/10/00; 7/29/02 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).  
a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:  
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto    or    2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.  
(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                          | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____    |
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| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material       | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
| 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |  |

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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

The non-elected claim 1 has been canceled. Claim 1 was non-elected without traverse in Paper No. 8.

The title has been changed to "Method Of Making A Semiconductor Memory Device".

3. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and made by applicant: The changes to the drawings, figures 1-2, submitted 7/29/02 have been accepted by the Examiner. Figure 3, filed 10/10/00 has been accepted by the Examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynne A. Gurley whose telephone number is (703) 305-3474. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

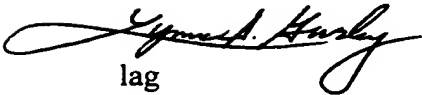
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John F. Niebling, can be reached on (703) 308-3325. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7722.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.



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John F. Niebling  
Supervisory Patent Examiner  
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A-2520	Frank	✓	Brief / sent 5/30/03 / on 8/18/03
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